

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, after the title, replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" with the following new heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, before line 10, which begins with, "A known direct smelting process...", please insert the following new heading:

2. Description of Related Art

At page 3, line 24, replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION", with the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 23, line 1, please replace the heading which reads, "CLAIMS:", with the following new heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: